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Reply To

Attn Of: ECL-113

26 February 1998

Mr. Brian Anderson Boeing Aerospace Corporation Information and Support Services P.O. Box 3707 Seattle, WA 98124-2207

Re: Response to Letter of February 17, 1998 Requesting an Extension of the Special Notice Negotiation Period.

Dear Brian:

In your letter you stated that The Boeing Company (Boeing) and the Army Corp of Engineers (COE) would like to "extend by 30 days the deadline" for Boeing and the COE "to respond to EPA's December 23, 1997 Special Notice Letter." On page 2 of the December 23, 1997 Special Notice Letter, the letter states "(t)he 60-day negotiation moratorium may be extended for an additional 30 days if EPA determines that the PRPs have provided EPA with a good faith offer to conduct or finance the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS)." On page 3 of the letter, EPA describes the elements of a good faith offer.

The Boeing and COE request for a 30-day extension did not contain a good faith offer as described in EPA's letter of December 23, 1997. As a result, EPA is requesting a detailed description of the areas of agreement between Boeing and the COE as well as the areas where agreement has not been established. In order to expedite the process, Boeing and the COE may submit their status reports separately rather than agreeing on one report to cover both parties. This report should be submitted to EPA by COB March 2, 1998, the end of the 60-day negotiation period.

EPA will decide upon receipt and review of the status report whether to extend the 60-day negotiation period. If the negotiation period is extended, EPA would like to meet with Boeing and the COE together to discuss solutions to unresolved issues. This meeting should occur within 10 days of EPA's extension of the deadline.

On February 23, 1998, I spoke with you and Mr. Cataldo, separately, explaining our response to your letter. This letter





confirms those conversations. Please call me at (206) 553-1987 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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